

## Air Force approves new GWOT medal

**RANDOLPH AFB, Texas** — The Air Force has authorized wear of the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary medal approved by President Bush last year.

The Department of Defense campaign medal applies to active-duty, reserve and guard personnel deployed abroad on or after Sept.11, 2001, for Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom.

“The criterion is pretty clear, so members who believe they are eligible can begin wearing it,” said Tech. Sgt. Jeff Simmons, recognition programs branch superintendent here.

To qualify, an individual must have been assigned or attached to a unit in OEF/OIF and served 30 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days in one of the following specific geographic areas: Afghanistan, Bahrain, Bulgaria (Bourgas), Crete, Cyprus, Diego Garcia, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Romania (Constanta), Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Syria, Tajikistan, Turkey (east of 35 degrees east latitude), Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Yemen, that portion of the Arabian Sea north of 10 degrees north latitude and west of 68 degrees longitude, Bab el Mandeb, Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Aqaba, Gulf of Oman, Gulf of Suez, that portion of the Mediterranean Sea east of 28 degrees east longitude, Persian Gulf, Red Sea, Strait of Hormuz and the Suez Canal.

The medal will only be awarded once, regardless of how many times an individual returns to serve in OEF or OIF. There are no service stars or other devices authorized.

However, battle stars may be authorized for personnel who engaged in actual combat. The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is the approving authority for battle stars.

The medal follows the Kosovo Campaign medal in precedence and can be viewed at [www.defense.link.mil/news](http://www.defense.link.mil/news).

The medal will be issued by local military personnel flights when it becomes available and will also be available through AAFES later this year.

For more information, members can contact the local MPF at Ext. 2579 or call the Air Force Contact Center at (800) 616-3775. *(Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News)*



2nd Lt. Jennifer Moore

### Open-air sortie

**Bryan Regan, Red Baron Stearman Squadron demonstration pilot, trades aviation stories with 1st Lt. Tim Norman, 50th Flying Training Squadron, May 26 before taking a ride in the WWII era biplane at Golden Triangle Regional Airport. Two Red Baron demonstration pilots visited the base to learn aspects of Air Force aviation safety. The Red Barons are a renowned aerial demonstration team based in Marshall, Minn.**

# Multilingual officers needed

**Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter**  
Air Force Print News

**WASHINGTON** — People with international skills are becoming more valuable to many organizations, and the Air Force is no exception.

The foreign area officer program develops line officers with certain skills used by the Air Force and Department of Defense in positions where they are needed, said Lt. Col. Mike Nolta, chief of the FAO program.

“DOD directed all services to develop this program ... to develop officers who have international skills in foreign language proficiencies, cultural under-

standing, regional specialization understanding and some in-country experience,” Colonel Nolta said.

This development begins when officers identify self-obtained international skills, the colonel said. Sometimes these skills come from heritage, like growing up speaking the language, or from a combination of college studies and an opportunity to live at an overseas location where those skills were polished.

“The Air Force program relies on these people expressing an interest in applying to the program voluntarily, and then the FAO program takes those who meet some minimum qualifica-

tions and tries to give them short-duration training they can do on a primarily permissive (temporary-duty) basis,” Colonel Nolta said.

This short-duration training comes in many forms, like one-month immersion programs, he said. Other opportunities, such as regional studies seminars, are also available.

“It’s designed to be a very flexible program that allows officers to, at a minimum, work on maintaining the skills they already have and ideally improving those skills, as their schedules allow,” he said.

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## Recruiting numbers decrease with force shaping

**RANDOLPH AFB, Texas** — Air Force recruiters will be searching for about 11,000 fewer people in fiscal 2005 as a result of the service’s force-shaping efforts, officials here announced May 28.

Phase II of the Air Force’s force-shaping program calls for enlisted accessions to drop by about 11,000 to reach authorized end strength levels by the end of fiscal 2005. The reduction in accessions will result in an active-duty recruiting goal of about 24,000 for fiscal 2005, which runs Oct. 1 through Sept. 30, 2005. Air Force officials said they expect

enlisted accessions rates to return to normal levels in fiscal 2006.

“We hope to make this reduction as transparent as possible for recruiters,” said Col. Bob East, vice commander of Air Force Recruiting Service here. “Although we expect monthly recruiting goals to decrease slightly, there are other aspects to the job such as training and marketing that must be sustained in order to resume normal accessions in 2006.”

The accessions reduction announcement comes on the heels of a reduction to the current year’s accessions goal

announced May 17 by Air Force officials at the Pentagon. The enlisted accessions goal was reduced to 34,080. Through May 26, 23,659 people have entered active duty. Another 11,523 have signed enlistment contracts to leave for basic military training this fiscal year.

“With almost one-third of our accessions scheduled to enter active duty this summer, it’s important that they understand their jobs won’t be affected by this reduction,” Colonel East said.

Despite the reduction in accessions next year, Colonel East said the Air

Force will continue to seek people to fill jobs available in more than 150 career fields.

“We are still hiring,” he said. “We continue to need America’s best and brightest to fill highly technical jobs critical to the Air Force in accomplishing its mission around the world. We will target our efforts toward finding those with the capabilities and qualifications needed to fill these valuable jobs.”

For more information about the force shaping program call Ext. 2596. *(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)*

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These training opportunities are one of many benefits for officers in the program.

“Last summer, I was scheduled to go to a language immersion program for six weeks in Austria,” said Capt. Peter Kerr, Air Force public affairs action officer and FAO European specialist. “My entire job was to get immersed in the language and culture, and come out a fluent German speaker.”

German is not the only language Captain Kerr is familiar with. He is fluent in Danish, can manage in

Spanish, Italian, Norwegian and Swedish, and has a working knowledge of Greek and Hebrew. With a father in the Air Force, Captain Kerr spent nine and a half years in Europe growing up. He found the FAO program almost by accident.

“I stumbled across it on the Internet,” the captain said. “It’s also been written about on the bottoms of leave and earnings statements and other places; but it’s a little-known precious gem in the Air Force if you ask me.”

The Air Force profits greatly from this “precious gem,” Colonel Nolta said.

“With today’s Air Force being expeditionary, it’s important that all Air Force officers have a global mindset to learn international skills,” the colonel said. “Officers who obtain these skills, in the big scheme of things, really provide more value to the Air Force. Not only are they an expert in a primary career specialty, they also have these very well-developed global skills that can be used to support the expeditionary mission.”

## AF offers incentive for South Korea Duty

**Master Sgt. Scott Elliott**  
Air Force Print News

**WASHINGTON** — Airmen who volunteer to extend their tours of duty in South Korea may be eligible for an extra \$300 per month.

The assignment incentive pay program is designed to reduce permanent-change-of-station requirements, encourage longer tours, provide further stability and improve readiness on the peninsula, said Lt. Col. Leslie Formolo. The colonel is the chief of the assignment, classification, separation and retirement policy branch at the Pentagon.

The Air Force currently uses the home basing and follow-on assignment, the overseas tour extension incentive and the in-place consecutive overseas tour programs to encourage Airmen to select a South Korean assignment. Officials said they will continue to offer these programs along with the new incentive.

It will be offered as a test program until December 2005, Colonel Formolo said. Airmen who volunteer to serve a 24-month unaccompanied or 36-month accompanied tour before leaving their current duty station will be offered \$300 per month for the duration of the tour. Extension and in-place options will be available to individuals choosing to extend after they are in country.

The extension program offers enlisted Airmen three options: \$2,000 cash, 30 days of nonchargeable leave or 15 days of nonchargeable leave and a plane ticket to the nearest port of entry. The in-place program pays round-trip plane fare for Airmen and command-sponsored family members to home of record.



Airman 1st Class Boto Best

### First impressions

**Members of the Columbus AFB Officers’ Spouses’ Club greet Nancy Wilson, wife of Col. Stephen Wilson, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, Thursday at the Columbus Club. Mrs. Wilson will assume the role of honorary president of the COSC. For more information about the COSC, call 434-6866.**

‘101 Critical Days of Summer’ tip: Safety is a frame of mind: get the picture.



# Wing reaches new community partnering benchmark

## Vendor fair connects local businesses to GPC cardholders

**Pam Warnken**  
14th Mission Support Group

More than 50 small businesses seized the day at a vendor fair designed to help them network with base officials who spend more than \$65 million annually in contracts and Government Purchase Card transactions. The event was held in the main hall of Trotter Convention Center downtown and opened by the mayor of Columbus and Col. Keith Keck, 14th Mission Support Group commander. An array of booths was scattered around the room, each touting goods and services ranging from industrial supplies to construction and information technology. Organized by the 14th Contracting Squadron, more than 250 buying decision makers from the base were on hand to talk with the vendors. “We arranged for the yearly GPC training to be on site at Trotter [Convention Center],” said Maj. Cameron Holt, 14th CONS commander. “The participation of the

wing’s GPC cardholders and members of the 14th CONS provided an ideal audience for the vendors.” The GPC allows base organizations to make their own buying decisions about job-related supplies. They can spend up to \$2,500 for most purchases but as much as \$25,000 when buying off of pre-priced General Services Administration or other government contracts. GPC activity increases dramatically as the fiscal year draws to its close in September. In addressing the crowd, Major Holt said the vendor fair was organized to reverse the trend of local vendors and encourage them to do business with Columbus AFB. “We recently awarded a \$386,000 GSA delivery order to a contractor outside the local area that could have easily been supplied by a local contractor with a GSA contract,” he said. Glen Bedsole, who manages Gulf Coast Marine Supply in south Lowndes County, said participating in the vendor fair was a stroke of genius for his company. “You have to know someone to be able to get in and

do business on the base,” Mr. Bedsole said. “This gave us the opportunity to meet the right people. It was well worth it.” T&L Specialty has been steadily building its knowledge of how federal spending works. The small Tupelo company sells industrial cleaners, floor soap, solvent cleaners and other products to keep work spaces spot-less. “Base people keep stopping by to see what we’ve got and what we can do for them,” said T&L Specialty salesman Kenny Guess. “This morning we were swamped. It’s been real good for us to be here.” Major Holt was buoyed by the positive response from small, grass roots business people. “This is the first vendor fair we’ve done for local businesses,” Major Holt said. “Judging from the numbers here, this has really helped the local businesses connect with the right people and get insights into how lucrative GPC spending and other base contracts can be for their companies.”

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Enlisted call

An enlisted call for senior NCOs is at 3 p.m. today at the Phillips Auditorium. For more information, contact a first sergeant.

### Change-of-command ceremony

A change-of-command ceremony for the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron is at 9 a.m. Thursday at Ceremonial Plaza in front of the wing headquarters building. Lt. Col. Joseph Lacatus will relinquish command to Maj. Timothy Wood, arriving from RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom.

### DEFY graduation

Participants of the 2003-2004 Drug Education For Youth Camp graduate at 6 p.m. Monday at the Columbus Club. DEFY is a program that teaches children how to protect themselves from drugs, alcohol, violence and gangs. For more information, call Maj. Nina Perino at Ext. 2235.

## UCMJ Files



A senior airman from the 14th Operations Support Squadron charged with rape in violation of Article 120 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice was found not guilty by a panel of officers and enlisted personnel May 27.



Airman Cecilia Rodriguez

### The ultimate sacrifice

**Base honor guardsmen stand at ease during a Memorial Day ceremony May 28 at Ceremonial Plaza in front of the wing headquarters building. The team rendered a 21-gun salute to honor two Columbus AFB-trained pilots who died while performing aviation duties; their names were added to Ceremonial Wall.**

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# When opportunity knocks while serving, will you hear it?

**Lt. Col. James Reed**  
14th Operations Group



When opportunity knocks while serving in the United States military, will you answer? You will, being the professional you are. You will stand tall, perform superbly and make us proud. The Air Force’s Core Values are there to help guide and remind you of what it takes to accomplish the mission. Always strive to adhere to the Air Force’s core values of Integrity first, Service before self and Excellence in all we do. Perhaps “Service before self” conjures up thoughts of hardship and deprivation; being separated from family and friends and sent to a faraway land to defend or fight; maybe images of the cowardly attack by terrorists against the United States at the World Trade Center spring to mind. We are still a nation at war against terrorism, and many of our brothers and sisters in arms are making the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. Military service is more than just another job. The Air

Force requires a high level of professional skill, a 24-hour-a-day commitment and a willingness to make personal sacrifices. It is an uncommon profession that calls for people of uncommon dedication. Our day-to-day operations here at Columbus AFB are less extreme, but are critical to the Air Force mission. In a 24/7 occupation, the mission may sometimes allow us to work 8-hour days, Monday through Friday, but all of us must be willing to work longer if needed. Weekend work or 12-hour days should never bring gripes and grumbles; it is the essence of Service before self. But this core value doesn’t necessarily mean denying personal interests. In fact, here’s a twist on Service before self to think about — what an amazing opportunity military service provides you as an individual. The Air Force has sent me to places around the world that most Americans can only read of and dream about. I cherish the ability to have served my country in the skies over Kuwait in Operation Desert Storm and over Bosnia-Herzegovina in Operation Deny Flight. I have seen some not-so-pleasant sights while flying or traveling the world, but then again, I have seen and visited some amazing places while assigned, deployed or TDY overseas. For a suburban kid, seeing the destruction of the Iraqi

army in Kuwait, the devastation and hardships of the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina and the abject poverty just outside the gates at Camp Red Cloud and Camp Casey in South Korea were experiences that made me appreciate being an American — a harsh education incomprehensible to those who spend their entire life in the United States. In contrast, life’s pleasant experiences due to service in the military are also unforgettable — I have visited more than 22 countries. My family and I have toured the Vatican and attended mass with the Pope in Rome, walked through the Roman gladiator’s Coliseum, admired the incredible artwork of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel, enjoyed a gondola ride on the canals of Venice, skied the Alps, toured Italian and German vineyards and castles along the Rhine and Mosel rivers, including Neuschwanstein castle (Cinderella’s castle) in southern Germany. We have toured Amsterdam, Budapest, London, Paris, Prague and Seoul just to mention a few. I have bought gold, frankincense and myrrh in Saudi Arabia, carpets and copper in Turkey and Bahrain, linen in Hungary, crystal in Czechoslovakia, porcelain in Italy, and cuckoo and grandfather clocks in Germany.

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## STRAIGHT TALK LINE

*The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better. The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names are kept confidential. Written questions may also be brought to the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724. People can also access the Straight Talk program through the Blazeweb at <https://columbusweb> and the main website at [www.columbus.af.mil](http://www.columbus.af.mil). Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.*

### CAFB medical clinic personnel recognized for professionalism

**Comment:** On April 26, I was brought to the clinic in distress. The medical team at the clinic took prompt care of my problems and did an outstanding job attending to my needs. In particular, I would like to thank Dr. Michael Fields, Maj. Edith Yasso, and Airmen 1st Class Amy Nicely and Jacob Rewerts, and Airman Brianna DeRidder for their professionalism and care. I think they should be recognized for their efforts. Thank you. **Response:** I sincerely appreciate the kind words concerning the care received in our clinic. These compassionate words of

gratitude were briefed at both our medical group squadron and flight meetings to ensure our entire medical staff was aware of the positive words from our customers. In addition, the individuals named were recognized as part of our Medics Recognition Program. Being part of the BLAZE family at Columbus AFB means taking care of one another, and the professionals at the medical clinic make this happen every day.

Col. Stephen Wilson  
14th Flying Training Wing commander

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## Key phone numbers

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Family Practice.....	434-2172
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Columbus Club.....	434-2489
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# Exercise voting privileges for yourself, your country

**Capt. Mike Tkacz**  
14th Contracting Squadron



Presidential and state primary elections continue while the federal general election rapidly approaches. Once again, Americans have another opportunity to be part of the process that will determine those who will serve in this country’s top leadership positions, to include the president of the United States. During this process, we will be bombarded with many different campaign ads, news and plenty of heated debates between the candidates. Naturally, there are many questions and concerns shared by the masses. Many citizens who are eligible to vote may feel that their vote will make little difference on the outcome of the election(s).

Due to these feelings of indifference, they may be contemplating whether or not to make a trip to the polls and vote. The truth is that there have been many local and even federal elections that have been decided by less than 100 votes in the past.

Issues such as education, jobs, military and foreign policy, hate crimes, health and welfare reform, national debt, global warming and the environment should raise enough interest and concern to motivate everyone to become involved with both local and federal elections.

Our elected officials set many of the policies that deal with these issues. Do you still think that your vote will have little or no impact due to the laws and limitations placed on our governing officials?

If so, consider that the president of the United States has the power to nominate a new Supreme Court Justice, who will hold office for life.

While Congress and the president may veto or pass a bill, ultimately it is the Supreme Court that interprets the Constitution and consequently determines how each American will live his or her life. This is just one

example of how one elected official making only one decision can effect great change.

Also, locally elected officials are given the power to make decisions that can greatly impact your state tax rate and the conditions of the roads. They will also set forth the policies in the public schools your children attend.

Do not pass up your right to vote! Voting has become a privilege that far too many Americans take for granted. There are many countries that do not have this great opportunity to be part of the process that impacts issues and leads.

Lyndon Johnson once said, “Voting is the first duty of democracy.”

You owe it to yourself and country to vote! For additional voting information or assistance, contact your unit voting representative or Lt. Col. David Franz, the wing voting representative, at Ext. 7076. This assistance, including requirements and absentee ballot forms, is also offered to all eligible family members at Columbus AFB.

## Title of ‘Airman’ gives civilian unique insight into young enlisted corp

**Erin Zagursky**  
1st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

LANGLEY AFB, Va. - “Public affairs, Erin Zagursky” is my standard phone-answering line, but the reply I get is never standard.

Many people call me “ma’am” and some call me “Ms. Zagursky” (or some creative variant of my last name). However, people most often respond to my telephone greeting by saying, “Hi, Airman Zagursky.”

The first few times this happened, I was quick to correct the callers, realizing it is easy to mistake my first name for “Airman.”

Eventually, I stopped correcting callers, because hearing what people would say

after they called me “Airman” gave me a unique insight into what it must feel like to have a few stripes on my sleeves.

Most callers treat me with the same respect as they would if they knew I was actually a civilian. They are polite and patient, kind and respectful.

Other callers treat me better than I would be treated if they knew I was a civilian. As an Airman, I’m part of the club. A sister in arms. A fellow bluesuiter.

But there are those callers who treat me, sadly, in the same way I imagine they treat all Airmen.

They talk slowly and with very small words to make sure I understand exactly what they say.

They make me repeat messages to ensure I don’t mess anything up. Or, they

immediately dismiss any help I may offer and ask for someone who knows what’s going on.

Just recently, one caller slowly and clearly gave me examples of aircraft that the Air Force has just in case I wasn’t aware of what service I was in. I am always amazed by these people.

The Airmen I work with are amazing professionals. One of them won Air Combat

Command’s new writer of the year, and the other taught me almost everything I need to know about media operations at the wing.

I know my situation isn’t unique. There are outstanding Airmen all over the base, and all over our Air Force.

To assume an Airman is young or uneducated is absurd. Not only do they

perform incredibly complex, life-or-death jobs every day, many of them are working toward degrees, if they have not already received them.

Many of them are mothers and fathers, wives and husbands, all working hard to balance school, career and a family.

Every chief, and even some colonels, started off as an Airman. Some of the best officers I know started off as Airmen. They now use their experience to make them better leaders and mentors to the Airmen under their command.

Now when people mistake my first name for “Airman,” I don’t usually correct them, not only because I like to hear what they say next, but also because I’m proud to be associated with these outstanding professionals.

## Defense secretary sends safe summer message

*(Editor’s note: The following is a summer traffic safety message from Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.)*

We continue to lose service members in motor vehicle crashes. Last year, we lost 113 servicemembers in private motor vehicle crashes between Memorial Day and Labor day. We must stop this needless loss of life, and I want every commander and supervisor in the department to focus on this issue. To that end, I expect everyone to:

— Enforce the use of seatbelts. Almost one-third of vehicle fatalities in fiscal year 2003 were unbelted victims. Remind your people to wear seatbelts when they are driving and tell them to make sure their passengers are wearing seatbelts. The Department of

Defense has joined the Click It or Ticket program for seat belt enforcement.

— Eliminate impaired driving. More than 20 percent of vehicle fatalities in FY03 involved alcohol. Make sure your people know the danger and foolishness of driving drunk. We have joined the national program “You Drink & Drive, You Lose” to help prevent these fatalities.

— Insist on motorcycle helmets. We’ve seen a sharp increase in motorcycle fatalities. Be sure riding without an approved helmet is not being tolerated - on or off base.

Talk to your people. Remind them about the risks and how to avoid these risks. Enjoy the summer, but enjoy it safely.

## AT THE CHAPEL

**Catholic Sunday:**  
5:30 p.m. — SUPT Mass  
**Protestant Sunday:**  
10:45 a.m.— Traditional worship  
1 p.m. — Contemporary worship  
**Tuesday:**  
Noon — Lunch and Bible study  
**Wednesday:**  
5:30 p.m. — Dinner and Bible study  
7 p.m. — Choir rehearsal  
For Islamic, Jewish, Orthodox or other services, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.  
All movies are shown at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, at the base theater.

## AT THE MOVIES

**Today**  
“Johnson Family Vacation” (PG-13, sexual references, crude humor and brief drug material, 97 min.)  
Starring: Cedric the Entertainer and Vanessa Williams.  
**Saturday**  
“The Punisher” (R, pervasive brutal violence, language and brief nudity, 124 min.)  
Starring: Thomas Jane and John Travolta.  
**June 11**  
“Kill Bill Vol. 2” (9 p.m. showing, R, strong bloody violence, language and some sexual content, 137 min.)  
Starring: Uma Thurman and David Carradine.  
For more information about movies, visit [www.cafbgrapevine.com](http://www.cafbgrapevine.com).

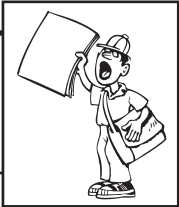
## CHANNEL 64

BLAZE 64 offers announcements for people living in base housing or the dormitories.

For more information, call public affairs at Ext. 7068.

**Weekdays**  
**9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.**  
**Air Force Television News**

## BASE NOTES



**Mass in the Grass:** A Catholic Mass and parish picnic are at 11 a.m. Sunday at Freedom Park. The chapel will provide the main entree, drinks and paper products. Everyone is encouraged to bring lawn chairs.

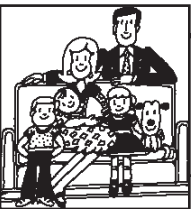
People whose last names begin with A through G are asked to bring a side dish, those whose last names begin with H through Q are asked to bring salad, and those whose last names begin with R through Z are asked to bring dessert. The 9:15 a.m. Sunday Mass has been cancelled, but there will be a 5:30 p.m. SUPT Mass.

**Thrift Shop:** The Thrift Shop, located at Building 345, C Street, is open from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays during June only. Consignments are taken until one hour before closing, and volunteers are always welcome. For more information, call Ext. 2954.

**Math tutors wanted:** The base education center is looking for volunteers with a strong background in mathematics to teach a math CLEP exam preparation class. Teaching handouts are provided. The class will be three days long, offered quarterly and can help Airmen earn three to six semester hours of math that can be used toward a Community College of the Air Force degree or another degree program. For more information, call Jose Dorta at Ext. 2565.

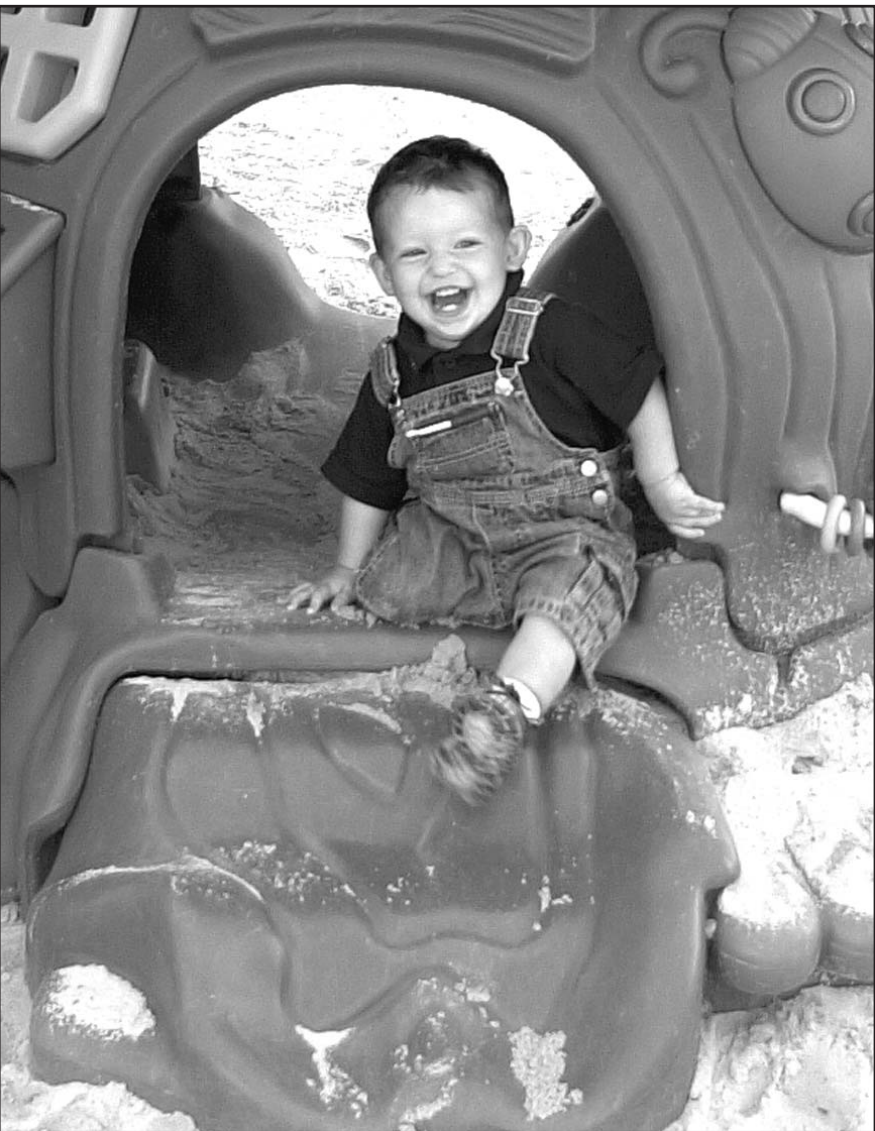
**Commissary hours:** The commissary will be closed July 4. The store will reopen at 10 a.m. July 6.

## FAMILY SUPPORT



*(Editor’s note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call Ext. 2790.)*

**Heart Link:** The next Heart Link spouse orientation is from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday. The event is for spouses new to the military or Columbus AFB. The meeting gives spouses a chance



Airman Cecilia Rodriguez

## Break on through

**Dylan Herndon, 1, prepares to slip down a treehouse slide at the child development center playground. The CDC offers summer children’s playgroups for ages 3 to 5. Two, three and five day programs are available through August 3. For more information, call Ext. 2479.**

to gather information about protocol, finance, benefits and base agencies.

**Financial management workshop:** A workshop about personal financial management for grades E-4 and below is from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday. Various aspects of money management, control, savings and investment are discussed.

**Money and Moving:** A workshop with information on financially preparing for a move is from 11 a.m. to noon June 15. A relocation countdown checklist is discussed, and a brown bag lunch is provided.

**Smooth Move for Kids:** A workshop designed to help children deal with the stress of relocating and leaving family and friends is from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. June 16.

**Time management workshop:** This workshop is from 1 to 3 p.m. June 16. Participants learn how to evaluate time, break large projects into smaller ones and set priorities to meet overall goals. Relaxation techniques are also discussed.

**Medical workshop:** The family support center is compiling a list of interested participants for a medical workshop about medical transcription and terminology. Prerequisites apply to attend a medical transcriptionist workshop.

**Relocation assistance:** Those relocating or making a permanent change of station can stop by the family support center for information about new bases, checklists to make moving easier and suggestions for traveling with children.





Maj. Rick Trussell and 2nd Lt. Lee Staab, 37th Flying Training Squadron, brief a low-level sortie.

Airman Cecilia Rodriguez



# 14TH PERATIONS GROUP

Right: Airman 1st Class Jennifer Pan, 14th Operations Support Squadron air traffic control tower, directs a vehicle across the flightline.



Airman Cecilia Rodriguez



Tech. Sgt. Jim Moser

Columbus AFB trains approximately 450 Air Force pilots each year. Students fly nearly 200 hours during a 52-week program to earn their silver wings.

Right: Staff Sgt. April Hires, 14th OSS weather flight, tracks local thunderstorm activity on the doppler radar.



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Senior Airmen Domino Burnell, Adam Bethea, Michael Anderson and James Chase, 50th Flying Training Squadron life support, load a truck with parachutes to be repaired at the survival equipment shop.



Elizabeth Davis

Col. Mike Holmes, 14th Operations Group commander, familiarizes Hunter McShan, distinguished visitor, with the Columbus AFB flying training mission.



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Airman 1st Class Tammy Kirkland, 48th Flying Training Squadron duty desk, schedules low-level flights for 2nd Lts. Louis McDanel and Chris Warriott.



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Left: Ron Mercer, airfield management operations dispatcher, enters flight plans into the Aeronautical Information System, responsible for tracking all base aircraft clearances.



# Trips, scholarships, events open to base people, families

**Disc Jockey Maze:** DJ Maze entertains tonight from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the enlisted lounge. Call Ext. 2490.

**All ranks Sunday brunch:** The Columbus Club offers an all-ranks brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$8.95 for members and \$10.95 for nonmembers. Call Ext. 2490.

**Trip to Geyser Falls Water Park:** The ITT office offers this trip June 12. Cost is \$28 per person and includes transportation and ticket to the water park. The bus leaves outdoor recreation at 9 a.m. Call Ext. 7861.

**Free youth trips:** The youth center offers several trips in June for all base youth. Anyone under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult or sibling for all trips. Destinations include:

- ❑ the buffalo park in Tupelo, Miss., June 14. The bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. and returns at 4 p.m.
- ❑ the underground caverns in Childburg, Ala., June 18. The bus leaves at 6:30 a.m. and returns at 6 p.m. Youth center members must be registered by Monday. All others will be placed on a waiting list and signed up on a first come, first served basis.
- ❑ the Hands-On Museum in Tuscaloosa, Ala., June 29. The bus leaves at 8 a.m. and returns at 5 p.m. Youth center members must register by June 22. All others will be placed on a waiting list and signed up on a first come, first served basis. Call Ext. 2504.

**Base library summer reading program:** The library’s summer reading program starts June 16. Registration for the program starts Sunday and ends June 12. The program is open to grades 1 through 6. Call Ext. 2934.

**Build-your-own-burger-or-chicken sandwich lunch buffet:** The Columbus Club offers this lunch buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 16. Cost is \$5.95 for members and \$7.95 for nonmembers. Call Ext. 2490.

**Community Center grand opening:** All base people are invited to celebrate the grand opening of the community center from 4 to 7 p.m. June 18 with free refreshments and door prizes. There will be activities for adults and children — karate, dance and judo demonstrations, registration for scrapbooking, stamping and jazzercise classes. Admission is free. Call Ext. 7450.

**Give parents a break/parents day out:** The youth center and child development center offer this program from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 19. Make reservations by June 16. Call the child development center at Ext. 2479 or the youth center at Ext. 2504.

**Colossal cookie challenge:** Judging is 10 a.m. June 25 at the community center. Entries will be judged on taste, appearance and creativity. Each contestant must provide a complete recipe with all ingredients, specific measurements and utensils necessary to prepare the entry. Each contestant must provide enough samples for at least one dozen “colossal cookies.” The competition categories are holiday or special occasion decorated cookies, no bake cookies, healthy cookies (must contain fruit, nuts or cere-

al) and cookie makers special (everything that doesn’t fit in one of the other categories). The deadline for entering is 4 p.m. June 21. For details or entry forms, call Ext. 7450.

**Mongolian barbecue:** The Columbus Club’s mongolian barbecue is 5 to 8 p.m. June 25. Cost is \$7.95 for members and \$9.95 for nonmembers. This includes six ounces of meat and vegetables. Each additional ounce of meat is 95 cents. A vegetarian plate is available at \$4.95 for members and \$6.95 for nonmembers. Call Ext. 2490.

**Gymnastics and cheerleading camp:** The youth center offers a cheerleading camp for ages 5 and older June 21 through June 25. Cost is \$50 for ages 5 through 8 and \$60 for ages 9 and older. The gymnastics camps are July 12 through 16 for ages 3 through 8 and July 26 through 30 for ages 9 and older. Cost is \$30 for ages 3 and 4 and is from 9 to 10:30 a.m., \$50 for ages 5 through 8 and is from 9 a.m. to noon, and \$60 for the four-hour camp from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or \$90 for the six-hour camp from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call Ext. 2504.

**Summer dance camps:** The youth center offers this new program for ages 7 to 9 July 5 through July 9, for ages 10 to 12 July 12 through July 16 and for ages 13 and older July 19 through July 23. Full tuition is \$80 and \$75 for a second child from the same family. A \$10 dis-

count is offered if registered by Thursday. Call Ext. 2504.

**Air Force club membership scholarship program:** Current club members and their family members who have been accepted by or enrolled in an accredited college or university for entry during the 2004 fall term as part-time or full-time students are eligible to apply for scholarships.

More than \$25,000 in scholarships will be awarded. These prizes are made possible through commercial sponsorship provided by Bank One, Coca-Cola and Mastercard (no federal endorsement of sponsors intended).

Entries must include the club member’s name, last four digits of his or her club membership card account number, base, club name, and entrant’s full name with mailing address and phone number.

Entrants must provide an essay of 500 words or less on the topic “What Freedom Means to Me.” Nominees must also provide a single-page summary of their long-term career/life goals and previous accomplishments. All entries are submitted to Louella Anderson, Services director, by July 15.

For more information call Ext. 2490 or visit the Air Force Services Web site at [www-r.afsv.af.mil](http://www-r.afsv.af.mil).

**Drop-in care available:** The child development center offers drop in care Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is \$3 per hour. To make reservations, call



Pam Wickham

## Let’s hula!

**Base youth compete in the “hula contest” at last year’s membership night. The club offers free food, beverages and door prizes for its membership night and pool party tonight. The event is open to club members and their families. Doors open at 5 p.m. For more information, call Ext. 2490.**

**Air show:** Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, Ala., is hosting a free two-day air show from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Opening ceremonies begin at 11 a.m. each day.

The public is invited to attend this event commemorating the 60th anniversary of the invasion of Normandy, France, in 1944. The “Wings of Victory” air show features the Air Force Thunderbirds aerobatic team demonstration and the Army Golden Knights parachute team both days.

Other featured aerial acts include “Tora! Tora! Tora!,” “Aero Shell,” the Air Education and Training Command’s T-6A Texan, World War II Warbirds and many more. For more information, visit [www.maxwell.af.mil/airshow](http://www.maxwell.af.mil/airshow).

**Gardening southern style:** All are invited to tour six of Aberdeen’s gardens with lunch following at First United Methodist Church from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

A gardening seminar entitled “Tough as nails flowers of the South” and a book signing follow at 1 p.m. with Norman Winter, Mississippi State University Extension Horticulturalist. Tickets are \$15 and space is limited. For more information, call the Aberdeen Visitors Bureau at (800) 634-3538.

**TOPS meetings:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Tuesday in the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron conference room. Weigh in is 4:30 to 5 p.m. and a meeting follows from 5 to 6 p.m. The first meeting is free for new members. For more information, call Kelly Holt at 245-0975 or 328-6801.

**ABWA scholarship:** The Columbus chapter of the American Business Women’s Association is accepting scholarship applications to be awarded for the 2004 fall semester. The association plans to award two scholarships

of \$500 each. Applications are accepted from women seeking degrees or entering vocational training programs. Consideration is given to individuals who must update their present skills to reenter the work force or to be eligible for career advancement in their chosen field.

Applicants with demonstrated financial need will be considered first. Eligible candidates must submit an application, letter of intent, resume, official transcript and three letters of recommendation concerning the probable success of the candidate.

The deadline to submit applications is June 16. Mail applications to Patricia Collins, ABWA Scholarship Chair, 245 Quail Run Drive, Columbus, MS 39702.

For more information, call Ms. Collins at 245-1316 or Jane Lee at 327-7065.

*For more event listings, visit [www.columbus-ms.org](http://www.columbus-ms.org).*

## BARGAIN LINE

### Bargain Line advertisement

*The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees.*

*Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue.*

*Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads.*

*Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.*

**Type of advertisement (circle one):**    Home    Transportation    Miscellaneous    Yard sales    Pets

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(in case we need more information)

**Please let us know what you think of the Silver Wings:**

Are you happy with the Silver Wings?    Yes ☐    No ☐

What would you like to see more of in the newspaper?    News ☐    Sports ☐    Photos ☐

If you would like to give any other suggestions, please e-mail us at [silverwings@columbus.af.mil](mailto:silverwings@columbus.af.mil).



# Go 4th gives guests chance to get fit, have fun

**Airman Cecilia Rodriguez**  
Public Affairs

Columbus AFB’s Go 4th 2004 celebration not only offers expanded entertainment and fireworks this year, but also a recreational fitness opportunity for BLAZE TEAM members and the public.

A 5K run with a 1.5-mile walk down a Columbus AFB runway is at 7 a.m. July 3. “It’s extremely appropriate with the recent Air Force emphasis on fitness that we’ve added an opportunity for individuals, units and even entire families to get fit while having fun,” said Lt. Col. Mike Martel, Go 4th director. “Talk about unique – the run/walk takes place on the runway, an area normally reserved for high-speed aircraft.”

All 5K participants will receive a complimentary beverage from Coke. There is no admission fee, but to receive an official Go 4th 2004 5K run/1.5-mile walk t-shirt, participants must turn in a completed registration form and \$7 to the fitness and sports center by Thursday. Registration forms can be found in this issue of the Silver Wings or at [www.Go4th.net](http://www.Go4th.net).

The Go 4th Web site includes information about the 5K event, as well as many other Go 4th activities.

“New this year is a huge crowd pleaser from air shows across the nation — a jet-powered truck,” Colonel Martel said. “It’s powered by the same jet engine used by the base’s supersonic T-38C Talon. The truck will make two runs; one lighting up the sky just after dusk.”

For a nominal wristband fee, children

receive unlimited access to 12 inflatables, temporary tattoos, pony rides, remote control cars and a novelty “dog tag” issue.

All Go 4th guests can enjoy a parade, during which operators of fire engines, police cars and other public service vehicles will toss treats to the crowd, the jet truck, a “test your strength” station and a host of military static displays, including the Air Force NASCAR #21.

“I can’t think of a better way to celebrate the birth of this great nation than with the grand ‘ole tradition of fireworks, festival food, music and games,” Colonel Martel said. “It’s a great opportunity to spend affordable, quality time with friends and family.”

For more information, visit [www.Go4th.net](http://www.Go4th.net).



## Softball standings

Teams	Wins	Losses
CES #1	7	1
OSS	6	2
LG	6	1
COM	4	5
CES #2	4	3
37th FTS	4	2
48th FTS	3	3
SFS	2	7
50th FTS	2	3
Blazettes	1	7
MSS	1	6



\* Intramural softball standings current as of Wednesday



## Independence Pool activities

☐ Swim lessons for ages 3 to 18 are Mondays through Thursdays. Cost is \$40 per two-week session. Session dates are Monday to June 18, June 21 to July 2, July 6 to July 16 and July 19 to July 30. The beginners class is at 8 a.m., the intermediate class is at 8:30 a.m., and the advanced class is at 9 a.m.

☐ Free lap swimming is Monday through Friday from 6 to 7:30 a.m. on all lanes, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on two lanes and from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on two lanes.

☐ A 45-minute water aerobics class is at 9:30 and 10:15 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and at 9 a.m. Saturdays. Cost is \$1 per person per session.

☐ An adult moonlight swim for ages 18 and older is from 8 to 11 p.m. Tuesdays.

*For more information, call Independence Pool at Ext. 2491.*

## 2004 GO 4<sup>TH</sup> RUNWAY 5K RUN/1.5 M WALK

**On the Columbus AFB Flight Line**  
Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 0700

TIME: Late Registration and T-Shirt Pick-up 0630 – 0650  
LOCATION: Columbus AFB, Building 847 Base Operations  
RACE FEATURES: Markers and Water Stations at the Beginning, Middle and End  
ENTRY FEE: \$7 Registration Fee Covers T-shirt, Bottled Water, and Fruit  
(Registration Fee waived if Participant does not want a T-Shirt)

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

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E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Age on Day of Competition: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender (Circle One): Male Female  
T-Shirt Size (Circle One): S M L XL XXL T-Shirt Color: White / Black

**Liability and Publicity Release**

In consideration for allowing me to compete in the Go 4<sup>th</sup> 5K, I, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, waive and release, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, any and all rights and claims for property damage and personal injury, including death, which I may have against the United States Air Force, the United States Government, the volunteer medical support, all participating supporting volunteers and their representatives, sponsors, successors and assignees, arising from my participating in this event. I verify I have full knowledge of the rigors of the sports competition and the risk involved in participation, and I am physically fit and have sufficiently trained to complete this event. I hereby grant permission to the AFB Go 4<sup>th</sup> Committee and its sponsors to use all information submitted in my application and my photograph, videotape, motion picture, recording and any other record of this event including pre-competition and post-competition publicity.

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_